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NEW ARTSGARDEN SKYWALK CONNECTING TO PNC CENTER OPENS TODAY

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today announced the enclosed pedestrian walkway connecting the Indianapolis Artsgarden to PNC Center is now open.

“This connector creates an essential link between Circle Centre Mall, PNC Center and the Indiana Convention Center, and we are very pleased we were able to help achieve its completion,” said Mayor Ballard. “The City invested in the project to help offset the cost and to encourage construction because the project is vital for economic development and tourism – vital for attracting Kronos, PNC Center’s newest corporate tenant; vital for the Super Bowl; and vital for future expansion.”

Completed in 1995, the Artsgarden is a glass dome spanning the intersection of Washington and Illinois streets in Downtown Indianapolis. Managed by the Arts Council of Indianapolis, it regularly hosts special events related to the arts and other activities and links the buildings on the corners of that intersection: Conrad Indianapolis, Circle Centre Mall, Claypool Court and now, PNC Center.

Reit Management and Research LLC, property manager of PNC Center, constructed the \$1.2 million connector with the assistance of Pepper Construction, Ratio Architects, PNC Bank, Simon Properties, and many others. This connector now becomes a part of the extensive network of skywalks and underground pedestrian paths connecting restaurants, sports and entertainment venues, and thousands of hotel rooms throughout Downtown Indianapolis.

“Indianapolis offers 4,700 hotel rooms connected via climate-controlled skywalks to our convention center, more than any city in America,” said Leonard Hoops, president & CEO of the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association (ICVA). “This is a major selling point with meeting professionals and leisure visitors alike and this new connector is another great enhancement to our compact, connected, and convenient downtown package.”

The City of Indianapolis sincerely thanks the Arts Council and Simon Malls for their assistance to the City and Reit.

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